

2 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General James G. Christiansen  
Staff Director  
Task Force on Intelligence Activities  
Commission on Organization of the Executive  
Branch of the Government

SUBJECT: Security of CIA Documents Made Available to the  
Clark Committee Task Force

1. Over the past two months many documents containing highly sensitive information about CIA have been made available, upon request, to those members of the Clark Committee who have been given special CIA security clearance. These documents have been channeled through a secretary, [redacted], provided by CIA, who has recorded them and placed them in a safe under her custody in a CIA building. These documents have been logged out to cleared members of the Clark Committee, specifically Colonel Herman Lane, USA Ret.; Colonel Eugene Miller, USA Reg.; and Mr. John McGruder, who sometimes return them to [redacted] and sometimes place them in safes under their keeping in the same CIA building.

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2. I am sure you are well aware of the responsibilities of the Director to the President and the Congress, under Public Law 110, in regard to the protection of sources and methods in connection with the functioning of CIA and, as the survey has now reached the report drafting stage, we are concerned with the security problem of how best to be assured that the documents needed by the CIA cleared members of the Task Force, as well as certain working members, can be readily available to them and, at the same time, conform to established security precautions. There are two ways this can be done:

a. The CIA documents can continue to be kept in a CIA building, in safes to which your CIA cleared Task Force members only have the combination, where they will be available for reference purposes twenty-four hours a day; or, if this is too cumbersome a procedure,

b. Establish a twenty-four-hour-a-day guard at your offices in the GAO Building, over safes which would be used exclusively for the CIA material and be accessible only to CIA cleared members of the Clark Committee.

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Of the two alternatives, it is obvious that the former would be the least expensive. In either case, I would naturally expect all material signed out to the Committee to be returned.

3. For your information our records show that the following individuals have the indicated security clearances:

By the White House for all CIA activities, both overt and covert:

Task Force

Staff

General Mark W. Clark  
Admiral Richard L. Conolly

Major General J.G. Christiansen  
Colonel Herman O. Lane

By the White House to consider the reports, both overt and covert, which will be submitted by those making on-the-spot investigations:

Captain E.V. Rickenbacker  
Mr. Henry Kearns  
Mr. Donald S. Russell  
Mr. Ernest P. Hollings

For CIA overt, and CIA covert on a need-to-know basis:

Colonel John J. Dubbelde  
Colonel Eugene L. Miller  
Brig. General Edgar J. Tulley  
Colonel Richard A. Ericson  
John L. McGruder  
Robert Foley  
Miss Dorothy Davis  
Miss Gertryde Dixon  
Mrs. Marie Smith

4. I would appreciate having your comments on the above as soon as convenient.

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cc: Inspector General  
Director of Security  
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